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Re: EX PARTE SUBMISSION

Carriage of the Transmissions of Digital Television Broadcast Stations, CS Docket No. 98-120

Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 Local Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues, CS Docket No. 00-96

Application of Network Non-Duplication, Syndicated Exclusivity and Sports Blackout Rules to Satellite Retransmission of Broadcast Signal, CS Docket No. 00-2

## Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is being filed on behalf of Telemundo Communications Group, Inc. ("Telemundo") in connection with presentations made on March 1, 2004, regarding the above-referenced dockets, by Ibra Morales, President, Telemundo Television Stations; Victor Cabral, Telemundo Senior Counsel; Bill LeBeau, Telemundo Senior Regulatory Counsel; Clark Herman, Clark Herman Associates and Peter Homes, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ("IBEW"), before the following: i) Commissioner Martin and his media legal advisor, Catherine Crutcher Bohigian, ii) Rick Chessen, Chair DTV Task Force and Associate Bureau Chief, Media Bureau; Mary Beth Murphy, Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau; along with other Media Bureau staff, namely, Eloise Gore, Priscilla Lee and Mike Lance. The parties discussed digital multicasting and the key role it will play in the maintenance and enhancement of Telemundo's service to its viewers, particularly in light of competitive pressures facing Telemundo and similarly situated stations. The parties explained how failure to mandate multicast carriage post transition is likely to skew local television competition and limit diversity. The parties also addressed the potential that complete multicast carriage has for creating new jobs throughout the country.

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An original and two (2) copies of this written presentation are being submitted in the above-referenced matter with the Office of the Secretary.

Respectfully yours,

T. William LeBeau

cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin

Catherine Crutcher Bohigian

Rick Chessen

Mary Beth Murphy

Eloise Gore

Mike Lance

Priscilla Lee